

MAT 201
Larson/Edwards – Section 7.4 (part 2)
Arc Length and Surfaces of Revolution

We will now calculate surfaces of revolution (lateral surface area).

To generate a lateral surface area we rotate a specific arc length around an axis.

Definition of Surface of Revolution:

If the graph of a continuous function is revolved about a line, the resulting surface is a *surface of revolution*.

To find the lateral surface area we can use the formula $S = 2\pi rL$ where r is the average radius of the solid and L is the length of the arc being rotated.

Our lateral surface area equation for a axis of revolution (both horizontal or vertical axis of revolution) will then take on the following transformation:

$$S = 2\pi rL$$

$$S = 2\pi(\text{average radius})(\text{length of arc})$$

$$\Delta S = 2\pi r(x)\sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} \Delta x$$

$$S = 2\pi \int_a^b r(x)\sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx$$

Definition of the Area of a Surface of Revolution:

Let $y = f(x)$ have a continuous derivative on the interval $[a, b]$. The area S of the surface of revolution formed by revolving the graph of f about a horizontal or vertical axis is:

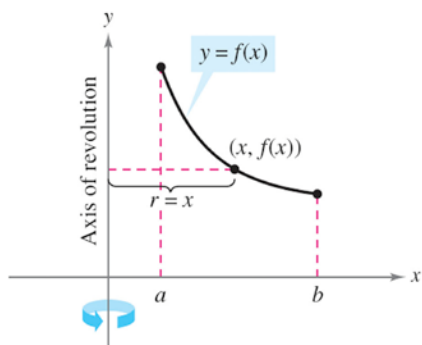
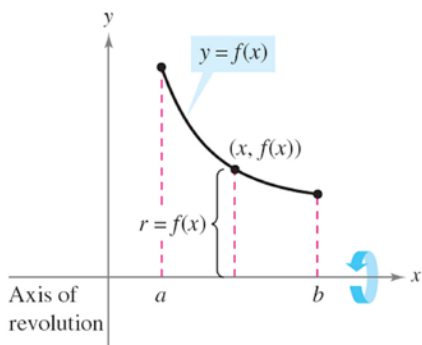
$$S = 2\pi \int_a^b r(x) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} \, dx$$

where $r(x)$ is the distance between the graph of f and the axis of revolution. If $x = g(y)$ on the interval $[c, d]$, then the surface area is:

$$S = 2\pi \int_c^d r(y) \sqrt{1 + [g'(y)]^2} \, dy$$

where $r(y)$ is the distance between the graph of g and the axis of revolution.

Note the differences in $r(x)$ depends on the axis of revolution below:



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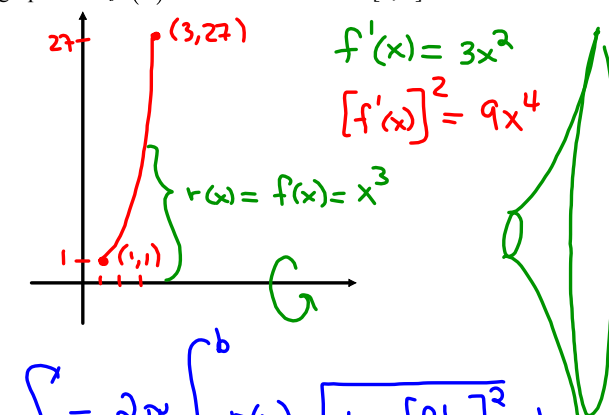
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Ex: Find the area of the surface formed by revolving the graph of $f(x) = x^3$ on the interval $[1, 3]$ about the x -axis.

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$$S = 2\pi \int_a^b r(x) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx$$

$$= 2\pi \int_1^3 x^3 \sqrt{1 + 9x^4} dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 1 + 9x^4 \\ du &= 36x^3 dx \\ \frac{1}{36} du &= x^3 dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{36} u^{1/2} du = \frac{1}{36} \cdot \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2} = \frac{1}{54} (1 + 9x^4)^{3/2}$$

$$= 2\pi \left[\frac{1}{54} (1 + 9x^4)^{3/2} \right]_1^3$$

$$= 2\pi \left[\frac{1}{54} (1 + 729)^{3/2} - \frac{1}{54} (1 + 9)^{3/2} \right]$$

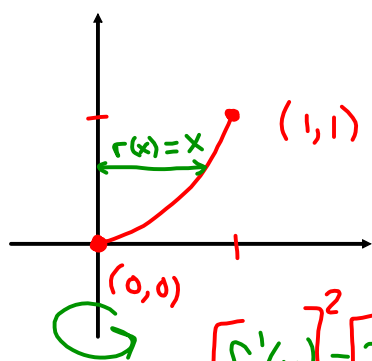
$$= 2\pi \left[\frac{1}{54} \cdot 730\sqrt{730} - \frac{1}{54} \cdot 10\sqrt{10} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1460\pi\sqrt{730}}{54} - \frac{20\pi\sqrt{10}}{54}$$

$$= \frac{1460\pi\sqrt{730} - 20\pi\sqrt{10}}{54}$$

$$\approx \frac{730\pi\sqrt{730} - 10\pi\sqrt{10}}{27} \approx 2291.26 \text{ units}^2$$

Ex: Find the area of the surface formed by revolving the graph of $f(x) = x^2$ on the interval $[0, 1]$ about the y-axis.



$$S = 2\pi \int_a^b r(x) \sqrt{1 + [f'(x)]^2} dx$$

$$= 2\pi \int_0^1 x \sqrt{1 + 4x^2} dx$$

$$\left[f'(x) = 2x \right]^2 = 4x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= 1 + 4x^2 \\ du &= 8x dx \\ \frac{1}{8} du &= x dx \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int \frac{1}{8} u^{1/2} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} u^{3/2} \quad \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{2}{3} u^{3/2}$$

$$= 2\pi \left[\frac{1}{12} (1 + 4x^2)^{3/2} \right]_0^1$$

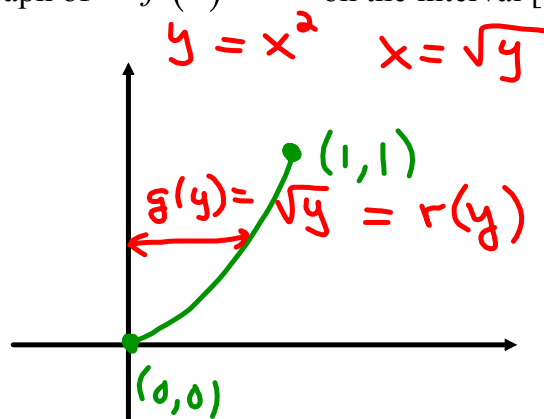
$$= 2\pi \left[\frac{1}{12} (5)^{3/2} - \frac{1}{12} \right]$$

$$= 2\pi \left[\frac{5\sqrt{5}}{12} - \frac{1}{12} \right]$$

$$= \frac{10\pi\sqrt{5} - 2\pi}{12}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{5\pi\sqrt{5} - \pi}{6} \approx 5.33 \text{ units}^2}$$

Ex: Find the area of the surface formed by revolving the graph of $f(x) = x^2$ on the interval $[0, 1]$ about the y -axis.



$$S' = 2\pi \int_c^d r(y) \sqrt{1 + [g'(y)]^2} dy$$

$$S' = 2\pi \int_0^1 \sqrt{y} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{4y}} dy$$

$$(x')^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2} y^{-1/2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} y^{-1}$$

$$\approx 5.33 \text{ units}^2$$